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Classified by DCM Stuart Jones for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) As noted in ref B, NEA Assistant Secretary David Welch raised Guatemala's candidacy to the United Nations Security Council during a June 8 meeting in Cairo with Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit. The Egyptian minister did not commit to supporting Guatemala over Venezuela, but recommended that the USG be "subtle" in its approach to the vote, lest it unintentionally increase support for Venezuela.

We have also been in touch with the Guatemalan Embassy, which has demarched the Egyptians and received the same non-committal reply. We will keep in close touch with key MFA players on this issue and take every opportunity to press the case for Guatemala. We will also continue to press our allies at the Arab League.  
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